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REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, the period for response having been extended to Monday, February 13, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.